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The meeting was called to order at 3.10 p.m.

MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL IN 1993 (agenda item 12) (continued):

LIST OF REPORTS REQUESTED IN DRAFT DECISIONS

1. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to consider the list of reports requested in the draft Council decisions, which had been prepared by the Secretariat pursuant to Decision 92/2.

2. Mr. GRAISSE (Secretary of the Council) said that the list of reports requested for consideration in 1993 was contained in a conference room paper that had been distributed to the members of the Council. Information on items that were still under discussion, such as items 3 (d) and 11 (a) and (c), had not been included, although it was recognized that reports on those topics might be required in 1993.

3. From the Secretariat's point of view, the number of requests for reports for 1993 was not excessive as compared with previous years and would cause no major problem in delivery.

4. Mr. MACHIN (United Kingdom) requested that the Council be given some time to consider the list in conjunction with other relevant documents. As the process had only been introduced at the special session in February 1992, it would be unfortunate if the Council were to rush through it, in spite of the late stage of the session.

5. The PRESIDENT suggested that the meeting be suspended to allow delegations time to study the matter.

6. It was so decided.

The meeting was suspended at 3.20 p.m. and resumed at 3.40 p.m.

7. Mr. MACHIN (United Kingdom) said that the Council appeared to have done an excellent job at its current session and there was very little that needed to be changed. However, the report on the implementation and impact of humanitarian programmes requested for 1993 (document DP/1992/L.13/Add.6) was down for discussion in 1994. If the Council wished to discuss it in 1993, it might be included in the Administrator's report.

8. Ms. POLLACK (United States of America) said that the Drafting Group had intended that that report should be incorporated in the Administrator's report rather than be the subject of a separate document. The report on the New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, a long-term item, might appropriately be dealt with on a biennial or triennial basis. The list was otherwise in line with the rationalization decision taken earlier in the year.

9. Mr. OULD CHEIKH EL GHAOUTH (Mauritania) endorsed the explanation given in respect of the humanitarian programmes report. His delegation felt strongly, that the Drafting Group's decisions, having been arduously negotiated, should

not be challenged at the current stage in the session. It also noted that the report on the UNV (DP/1992/L.13/Add.4), which the Administrator had promised for 1993 in view of the importance of the information on programme costs, had been put down for 1994. The two reports on environment and development (DP/1992/L.13/Add.8), one of which had been put down for an unspecified special session, might be combined. Furthermore, as far as he recalled, the Drafting Group had decided not to refer to complementarity in the report requested by the decision contained in document DP/1992/L.13/Add.14, because of the objections of a number of delegations.

10. Mr. GRAISSE (Secretary of the Council), replying to the points raised, endorsed the explanation given by the representative of the United States in reply to the United Kingdom's question on humanitarian programmes. As for the points raised by the representative of Mauritania, the decision contained in document DP/1992/L.13/Add.4 on the UNV called for a report in 1994, which was consistent with the decision taken at the last special session that the UNV should be reviewed every two years, the next occasion being 1994. That representative's points regarding the unspecified special session and the issue of complementarity had been duly noted.

11. Ms. POLLACK (United States of America) said that the representative of Mauritania had been correct in his comment on the UNV. The Secretariat might refer to the relevant decision in order to clarify the reporting date.

12. The PRESIDENT said that the Council had completed its discussion of agenda item 12.

The meeting rose at 4 p.m.